GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:499
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REBUILDING STATUES OF BUDDHA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Taiwan proposes to rebuild the statues of Buddha at Bamiyan destroyed during the Taliban regime in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether the Union Government are considering to make their contribution in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)-(b): Government has seen a press report stating that a Taiwanese NGO has offered funds for reconstruction of the two Bamiyan Buddha statues in Afghanistan.

(c)-(d): Does not arise.